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Milwaukee County Parks Wins Multiple Awards in “Best of Milwaukee Readers’ Choice Awards”

Milwaukee, WI (Nov. 12, 2014) – Multiple Milwaukee County Parks facilities were named winners in the Shepherd Express 2014 “Best of Milwaukee Readers’ Choice Awards.” The annual survey is billed as the largest of its kind.

“It is always great to see all of the hard work of our Parks Department and other County workers recognized,” County Executive Chris Abele said. “Since I took office, we’ve been working hard to improve our parks and restore services Countywide so people should get used to our continuing to win awards.”

Taking the “Best Public Park” was Estabrook Park. Popularized with the Estabrook Beer Garden, the park draws patrons of all ages for a family-friendly atmosphere. The park also offers picnic areas, a disc golf course, sand volleyball, a skate park, soccer fields, a softball diamond, a tot lot, and an off-leash dog exercise area. Humboldt and Mitchell parks were named runners-up.

Winning the “Best Place for Skating” was Red Arrow Park. “Slice of Ice,” the refrigerated rink in the downtown park, offers skating from December through February—or March if the weather allows. In addition to creature comforts, the warming house facility is shared with a Starbucks. This year, the rink is scheduled to open December 4, weather permitting. The runner-up in this category was the lagoon rink at Brown Deer Park.

“Best Urban Bike Trail” was won by the perennial favorite, the Oak Leaf Trail. The paved multi-use trail is nearly 120 miles long and encircles Milwaukee County. The trail is composed of off-road paved trails, park drives, and municipal streets where necessary to ensure continuity

Winning the “Best French Restaurant/Restaurant with a View/Romantic Restaurant” was Parks’ partner, Bartolotta’s Lake Park Bistro. The park location supplies the peaceful views of Lake Michigan.

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